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Ritchie meets Sweet

RITCHIE BLACKMORE got up on stage to play with Sweet when they closed their first major tour at Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Blackmore, who was in the audience, joined the band for a version of the Free classic 'All Right Now', as a tribute to Paul Kossof who had been booked to support the Sweet with Back Street Crawler before his death.

Black Oak's hot buttered 'Balls'

Heep at Wembley

URIAH HEEP are to embark upon a major European rout at the end of May and the band are already set to appear at the Wembley Empire Pool on June 12. The remainder of the British section of the itinerary will include at least two more gigs, but they have not as yet been finalised.

Tickets for the Wembley show are priced at £2.50, £2 and £1.50 and should be sent in envelopes marked 'Heep concert' to Early Associates, Box Office Empire Pool, Wembley, Middlesex. Make cheques payable to 'Early Associates' and also enclose a stamped , self-addressed envelope.

A new Heap album is being released by Bronze in early May to tie in with the concerts. It's tentatively titled 'High And Mighty'.

Streetwalker tour

STREETWALKERS, who will leap back into the eye of the British public when they play on the Who's football stadium tour, will ram home the message with their own tour which will run through June and dovetail in with the football stadium gigs.

Full tour itinery will be announced next week but this will include a London concert on June 18 at a still-to-be-announced venue.

All this will follow the release of the band's next album, 'Red Card', on May 21. All the material on the album has been written by the group.

This week Streetwalkers leave for a one month coast-to-coast tour of America where their new album has just been released.

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